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Park Authority Offers Harvest Time Activities

Fall has arrived, and to mark the start of this year's harvest season, the Fairfax County Park Authority is hosting entertaining and family-fun activities at nearby historic sites and parks. You can craft scarecrows at Colvin Run Mill, sing along at Frying Pan Farm Park's acoustic jam or stroll along the stream at Cabell's Mill discovering asters, goldenrods and many other fall wildflowers.

Now is prime-time for scarecrows. On October 6 and 7, 2007, families are encouraged to attend Colvin Run Mill's scarecrow crafting program and create a unique garden decoration. Site staff will provide stuffing and instructions but remember to bring old clothes and pantyhose to dress your new hay pal. The cost is \$5 per scarecrow, and the program runs from noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 703-759-2771. Colvin Run Mill is located at 10017 Colvin Run Mill Road in Great Falls.

Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon is also hosting scarecrow building activities on October 14th from 1 to 2 p.m. and again from 2 to 3 p.m. don't forget to bring pants and pantyhose. Stuffing and special touches will be provided. The cost is \$7 per scarecrow and \$5 for each additional one. Pre-paid reservations are required. To register, call 703-437-9101.

What better way to welcome the new season than by spending a beautiful afternoon playing your favorite instrument or singing along to your favorite song at an acoustic jam? On October 7th and October 21st from 1 to 4 p.m., Frying Pan Farm Park will host an old-fashioned, knee-slapping, toe tapping, finger-popping, free, acoustic jam session! Don't miss the chance to *tune* into and celebrate autumn's arrival with music. For more information, please call 703-435-3710. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road.

Autumn's seemingly endless palette of color is due in part to the incredible number of wildflower species that can be found growing in the parks. Complementing the yellows of the goldenrods are the blues, purples, and whites of the asters. On October 7th from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Native Plant Society members invite you and your family to stroll along the stream and meadow at Cabell's Mill (Ellanor C. Lawrence Park) and experience the magic of these wild plants firsthand. The cost of this event is \$5 per person and reservations are required. For more information or to register, call 703-631-0013. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly.

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